

**SECTION:** CERTIFICATION

**SUBJECT:** Eligibility Requirement

**ITEM:** *Infants/Children: Clinical*



**Policy** Participants determined eligible for program benefits based on a physical, medical, or social risk, or a nutritional need shall meet one or more of the criteria listed below. All risks apply to infants and children, unless otherwise noted. Children who have not yet reached their third birthday are in Priority III (a). Children who have reached their third birthday are in Priority III [c]. Refer to WPM Section 230-10 for information regarding the priority ranks.

**Basis for policy** 7 CFR 246.7 (e)

**Clinical Criteria** The table below includes the clinical criteria to assess nutritional needs of infants and children. The priority levels are indicated for infants/children, and the ISIS code number and corresponding USDA risk code is provided in the far left column for reference. Please see the “WIC Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 1, WIC Nutrition Risk Criteria” for more detail regarding the USDA risk codes.

ISIS CODE AND (USDA CODE)	INDICATOR OF NUTRITIONAL NEED AND DEFINITION	PRIORITY FOR INFANTS	PRIORITY FOR CHILDREN
<b>C51</b> (359)	<b>Recent Major Surgery or Trauma,</b> severe enough to affect nutritional status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• within past 2 months self-reported, or</li> <li>• &gt; 2 months if there is continued need for nutritional support diagnosed by a physician.</li> </ul>	I	III
<b>C52*</b> (352)	<b>Active TB:</b> present within the past 6 months	I	III

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<b>C53*</b>  (352)	<b>Severe Acute Infections</b> within past 6 months which affect nutritional status. Includes, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encephalitis</li> <li>• hepatitis</li> <li>• pneumonia</li> <li>• meningitis</li> <li>• parasites.</li> </ul>	I	III
<b>C54</b>  (359)	<b>Recent Burns</b> severe enough to affect nutritional status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• within the past 2 months self-reported, or</li> <li>• &gt; 2 months if there is continued need for nutritional support diagnosed by a physician.</li> </ul>	I	III
<b>C57</b>  (381)	<b>Severe Dental Problems</b> which impair the ability to ingest food in adequate quantity or quality, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nursing or baby bottle caries</li> <li>• smooth surface decay of the maxillary anterior and the primary molars</li> <li>• tooth decay</li> <li>• periodontal disease</li> <li>• tooth loss</li> <li>• ineffectively replaced teeth.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> May use the participant's self reported diagnosis from their physician or adequate documentation by the CPA</p>	I	III

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<b>C60*</b>  (382, 703)	<b>Drug Exposure in Utero:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fetal Alcohol Syndrome based on the presence of retarded growth, a pattern of facial abnormalities, and abnormalities of the central nervous system including mental retardation*,</li> <li>positive toxicology screen or drug withdrawal, or</li> <li>documentation or self-report of any use of alcohol or illegal drugs during most recent pregnancy.</li> </ul>	 I   I  I	 III   N/A  N/A
<b>C70*</b>  (348)	<b>Central Nervous System (CNS) Disorders:</b> conditions which affect energy requirements and may affect the individual's ability to feed self, that alter nutritional status metabolically, mechanically, or both. Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>epilepsy</li> <li>cerebral palsy (CP)</li> <li>neural tube defects (NTD), such as spina bifida and myelomeningocele</li> <li>parkinsons disease</li> <li>multiple sclerosis</li> <li>other severe neonatal</li> </ul>	 I	 III
<b>C71*</b>  (349)	<b>Down's Syndrome</b> - condition must alter nutritional status metabolically, and/or mechanically	 I	 III
<b>C72</b>  (362)	<b>Developmental Delays, Sensory or Motor Delays</b> interfering with the ability to eat and restricting the ability to chew or swallow food, or requiring a tube feeding. Includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mental retardation</li> <li>birth injury</li> <li>head trauma</li> <li>minimal brain function</li> <li>feeding problems due to developmental delays</li> <li>brain damage.</li> </ul>	 I	 III

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<b>C73*</b> (360)	<b>Cystic Fibrosis</b> - current condition or treatment for the condition must be severe enough to affect nutritional status	I	III
<b>C74*</b> (360)	<b>Congenital Heart Disease</b> - current condition or treatment for the condition must be severe enough to affect nutritional status	I	III
<b>C75*</b> (342, 349)	<b>Congenital GI Disorders</b> - conditions which interferes with intake or absorption of nutrients, and alters nutritional status. Includes, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tracheal-esophageal fistula</li> <li>• esophageal atresia</li> <li>• gastroschisis</li> <li>• intestinal atresia</li> <li>• short bowel syndrome.</li> </ul>	I	III
<b>C76*</b> (349)	<b>Congenital Facial Malformation</b> which causes physical abnormality that alters nutritional status (e.g., cleft lip or palate).	I	III
<b>C77*</b> (349)	<b>Other Genetic and Congenital Disorder(s)</b> causing physical or metabolic abnormality, which alter nutritional status metabolically and/or mechanically. Includes but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Down's syndrome</li> <li>• thalassemia major</li> <li>• sickle cell anemia (not sickle cell trait)</li> <li>• muscular dystrophy</li> </ul>	I	III
<b>C80*</b> (342)	<b>Gastro-Intestinal Disorders:</b> diseases or conditions that interfere with the intake or absorption of nutrients. Includes, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stomach or intestinal disorders</li> <li>• small bowel enterocolitis</li> <li>• malabsorption syndrome</li> <li>• liver disease</li> <li>• gallbladder disease.</li> </ul>	I	III

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<b>C81*</b> (360)	<b>Cardiovascular Diseases</b> for which condition and/or treatment is severe enough to affect nutritional status (e.g., cardiorespiratory diseases)	I	III
<b>C82*</b> (352)	<b>Immunodeficiency or Chronic Infections</b> - condition severe enough to affect nutritional status. Includes but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hepatitis</li> <li>• HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection)</li> <li>• AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Disease).</li> </ul>	I	III
<b>C83*</b> (347)	<b>Cancer</b> for which condition or treatment severe enough to affect nutritional status	I	III
<b>C84*</b> (345)	<b>Hypertension</b>	I	III
<b>C85*</b> (343)	<b>Diabetes Mellitus:</b> Type 1 or 2	I	III
<b>C86*</b> (346)	<b>Renal (Kidney) Disease -</b> Includes but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pyelonephritis,</li> <li>• persistent proteinuria.</li> </ul> (excluding urinary tract infections involving the bladder)	I	III

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<b>C87*</b> (351)	<b>Inborn Errors of Metabolism:</b> gene mutations or gene deletions that alter metabolism in the body. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• phenylketonuria (PKU)</li> <li>• maple syrup urine disease</li> <li>• galactosemia</li> <li>• homocystinuria</li> <li>• tyrosinemia</li> <li>• histidinemia</li> <li>• urea cycle disorders</li> <li>• glutaric aciduria</li> <li>• methylmalonic acidemia</li> <li>• glycogen storage disease</li> <li>• galactokinase deficiency</li> <li>• fructoaldolase deficiency</li> <li>• propionic acidemia</li> <li>• hypermethioninemia</li> <li>• medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD)</li> </ul>	I	III
<b>C89*</b> (353)	<b>Food Allergies:</b> an adverse immune response to a food or a hypersensitivity that causes adverse immunologic reaction.	I	III
<b>C90*</b> (703)	<b>Infant Born of Woman with Mental Retardation or Developmental Delay</b>	I	N/A
<b>C91</b> (801)	<b>Homeless:</b> An infant, or child who lacks a fixed and regular nighttime residence; or whose primary nighttime residence is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter (including a welfare hotel, a congregate shelter, or a shelter for victims of domestic violence) designed to provide temporary living accommodations;</li> <li>• an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized;</li> <li>• a temporary accommodation of not more than 365 days in the residence of another individual; or</li> <li>• a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.</li> </ul>	IV	V

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<b>C93</b>  (901)	<p><b>Recipient of Abuse/Neglect</b> within past 6 months (includes any recent act or failure to act resulting in imminent risk of serious harm , death, serious physical or emotional harm or exploitation of an infant or child by a parent or caregiver)</p> <p>State law requires the reporting of known or suspected child abuse or neglect. WIC staff must release such information to appropriate State officials. WIC laws pertaining to confidentiality do not take precedence over such State law. Refer to WPM Section 150-40.4 for reporting procedures.</p>	IV	V
<b>C98</b>  (802)	<p><b>Migrant:</b> Eligible infants and children who are members of families which contain at least one individual whose principal employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis, who has been so employed within the last 24 months, and who establishes, for the purposes of such employment, a temporary abode.</p>	IV	V
<b>C99</b>  (903)	<p><b>Entering Foster Care:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>entering foster care system within past 6 months, or</li> <li>moving from one foster care home to another in the past 6 months.</li> </ul> <p>This nutritional risk <u>cannot</u> be used for consecutive certifications while the child remains in the same foster home.</p> <p>It should be used as a sole risk <u>only</u> if careful assessment of the of the applicant's nutritional status indicates that no other risks based on anthropometric, medical, or nutritional risk criteria can be identified.</p>	IV	V

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<b>C100*</b> (341)	<b>Nutrient Deficiency Diseases:</b> diagnosis of a nutritional deficiency or a disease caused by insufficient dietary intake of macro and micro nutrients. These include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protein Energy Malnutrition (PEM)</li> <li>• Scurvy</li> <li>• Rickets</li> <li>• Beri Beri</li> <li>• Hypocalcemia</li> <li>• Osteomalacia</li> <li>• Vitamin K Deficiency</li> <li>• Pellagra</li> <li>• Cheilosis</li> <li>• Menkes Disease</li> <li>• Xerophthalmia.</li> </ul>	I	III
<b>C101*</b> (350)	<b>Pyloric Stenosis:</b> gastrointestinal obstruction with abnormal gastrointestinal function affecting nutritional status	I	N/A
<b>C102*</b> (344)	<b>Thyroid Disorders:</b> hypothyroid or hyperthyroid conditions	I	III
<b>C104*</b> (356)	<b>Hypoglycemia</b>	I	III
<b>C107</b> (357)	<b>Drug Nutrient Interactions:</b> use of prescription or over-the-counter drugs or medications that have been shown to interfere with nutrient intake or utilization, to an extent that nutritional status is compromised	I	III
<b>C108</b> (424)	<b>Inadequate Vitamin/Mineral Supplementation</b> (e.g., participant not routinely taking dietary supplement recognized as essential by national public health policy makers because diet alone cannot meet nutrient requirements, such as: infants $\geq$ 6 months and children < 36 months not taking 0.25 mg of fluoride daily when their water supply contains less than 0.3 ppm of fluoride); When the water supply contains <0.3-0.6 ppm fluoride and: Children 36-72 months not taking 0.25 mg fluoride daily).	IV	V

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<b>C109</b>  (423)	<b>Inappropriate or Excessive Intake of Dietary Supplements</b> including vitamins, minerals and herbal remedies (e.g., routine ingestion of unprescribed excessive or toxic: multi or single vitamins, mineral doses, or herbal remedies)	IV	V
<b>C110*</b>  (134)	<b>Failure to Thrive</b>	I	III
<b>C111*</b>  (355)	<p><b>Lactose Intolerance:</b> insufficient production of the enzyme lactase which causes an inability to digest lactose. Lactose in dairy products that is not digested or absorbed is fermented in the small intestine producing any or all of the following GI disturbances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nausea</li> <li>• diarrhea</li> <li>• abdominal bloating</li> <li>• cramps.</li> </ul> <p>Lactose intolerance varies among and within individuals and ranges from mild to severe.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> May use the participant's self reported diagnosis from their physician or symptoms may be well documented by the CPA.</p> <p>Documentation should indicate that the ingestion of dairy products causes the above symptoms and the avoidance of such dairy products eliminates them.</p>	I	III
<b>C113*</b>  (361)	<b>Depression</b>	N/A	III

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<b>C117</b> (421)	<b>Pica:</b> current or recent craving for or ingestion of nonfood items including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clay</li> <li>• starch (laundry or corn)</li> <li>• dirt</li> <li>• ashes</li> <li>• paint chips</li> <li>• baking soda.</li> </ul> (excluding large quantities of ice)	N/A	V
<b>C118</b> (421)	<b>Pica:</b> eating large quantities of ice	N/A	V
<b>C121</b> (902)	<b>Infant/Child of Primary Caregiver with Limited Ability to Make Feeding Decisions and/or Prepare Food.</b> Examples may include individuals who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤ 17 years of age</li> <li>• mentally disabled/delayed and/or have a mental illness such as clinical depression (diagnosed by a physician or licensed psychologist)</li> <li>• Physically disabled to a degree which restricts or limits food preparation abilities</li> <li>• currently using or having a history of abusing alcohol or other drugs.</li> </ul>	IV	V
<b>C122*</b> (360)	<b>Persistent Asthma</b> (moderate or severe): current condition requiring daily medications and severe enough to affect nutritional status	I	III
<b>C123*</b> (360)	<b>Other Medical Diseases or Conditions</b> with nutritional implications that are severe enough to affect nutritional status. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• juvenile rheumatoid arthritis</li> <li>• lupus erythematosus</li> </ul>	I	III

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<b>C201</b> (603)	<b>Breastfed Infant with Suck Problems:</b> ineffective or weak suck	I	N/A
<b>C204</b> (603)	<b>Jaundice While Breastfeeding</b>	I	N/A
<b>C209</b> (603)	<b>Infant with Difficulty Latching onto Mother's Breast</b>	I	N/A
<b>C210</b> (418)	<b>Infrequent Breastfeeding as Sole Source of Nutrients</b> for exclusively breastfed infants (not consuming solids) who are routinely taking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;8 feedings in 24 hrs if &lt;2 months, or</li> <li>• &lt;6 feedings in 24 hrs if <math>\geq</math>2 months.</li> </ul>	IV	N/A
<b>N32</b> (702)	<b>Breastfeeding Infant of Woman at Nutritional Risk</b>	I, II, or IV Both the breastfeeding woman and her breastfed infant must be assigned the same, highest priority for which either is eligible.	N/A
<b>N40</b> (701)	<b>Infant Born to Woman on WIC During Pregnancy</b>	II only for infants < 6 months	N/A
<b>N41</b> (701)	<b>Infant Born to WIC Eligible Woman During Her Pregnancy</b>	II only for infants < 6 months	N/A